



Peace-Net Kenya

ELECTIONS WATCH 2007

Stop Electoral Violence!
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Introduction

Dear Partners ,
PeaceNet Kenya, a network of member organizations drawn from community based organizations, inter-faith organizations and local non governmental organizations has embarked on Elections violence reduction project, utilizing the strength of the networks' membership across the country.

The project was launched on Monday, 12th November 2007, in Nairobi at a PeaceNet Regional Coordinator's consultative meeting. The project is meant to monitor violence and mobilize stakeholders for interventions.

This newsletter is the first in a series of weekly updates that will inform partners of unfolding events during the elections.

RED FLAG

Religious propaganda finding its way into the political arena Leaflets circulated in Ngong and Nakuru on Tuesday November 13, 2007 about the religion of political aspirant could lead to unrest.

Destruction of ODM and PNU bill boards in Nairobi and Machokos respectively is causing concern in the political Environment.

16th November 2007, Parliamentary and civic party nominations nullified and fresh ones called while in Machakos ODM K Party nominations postponed indefinitely.

Western

- ◆ The Killing of the brother of immediate former Mt Elgon Member of Parliament John Serut has created tension in the area.
- ◆ Politicians are taking their campaigns to Kimilili and Chwele, where Internally Displaced Persons are camped and this might trigger conflict.

Nyanza

- ◆ Migrant communities especially from central province are receiving threats that they will vacate the region if ODM loses in the General Elections.
- ◆ In Kisumu rural constituency, tension is high due to alleged interference of nomination exercise by ODM headquarters.
- ◆ On 16th November 2007, civic and parliamentary nominations in Nyanza were delayed in several polling stations.

North Rift

Political aspirants are bribing voters are ditching money as bribes to voters during campaigns. Reports from the region indicate:

- ◆ In Uasin Gishu and Central Baringo Ksh 1, 000
- ◆ Keiyo South, between Ksh 100 – 200
- ◆ Keiyo North and West Pokot, amount being out is Ksh. 50

High tension during voting of party civic and parliamentary candidates on 16th November 2007.

Central Rift

- ◆ In Naivasha some ODM aspirants claim their names are missing in the nomination register.
- ◆ Propaganda Leaflets circulated in Nakuru targeting ODM presidential aspirant.
- ◆ In Kuresoi houses were burnt on 14th November 2007, accelerating the political tension in region.

South Rift

- ◆ In Transmara, Kilgoris constituency, ODM political aspirants received threats not to present their nomination papers.
- ◆ Protest and destruction of property in Murkan, Pirar, Abosi and Nchipiship by youths from Kipsigis community as a result of Mr. Ngeno, an ODM aspirant not being cleared.

Central

- ◆ Person shot dead in Kipipiri, Laikipia in campaign related skirmishes.
- ◆ Tension in Mathira constituency on 16th November 2007 between different camps during voting of party civic and parliamentary candidates.

Interventions

In Central Rift, Consultative meeting were held on November 16, 2007, to address the issue of violence in Kuresoi Molo and Olenguruoni

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It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it, one must work for it.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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